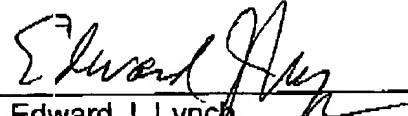


REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Consideration and an early allowance thereof are earnestly solicited.

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